

# LDS Sesquicentennial Celebrated With City Park Beautification

A beautification project under the direction of the LDS Ninth Ward Relief Society has been shaping up in the southeast corner of the Heber City Park on Main street. Under the direction of the Ninth Ward Relief Society President, Karen Wright, a landscaping project was undertaken to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the LDS Relief Society.

"We felt that we wanted to do something significant to follow the general board's directions to undertake a service project," commented Shirley Zane, a counselor in the ninth ward presidency. "We wanted to do something that would benefit the community and would be long lasting. We felt that a flower garden would provide the beauty and the trees that we put in provided the permanence."

The Heber City Council was very supportive of the project and provided the manpower necessary to remove the sod and plant the trees. The relief society raised the money needed to purchase the flowers and trees as well as a plaque explaining the purpose of the display. The specific layout of the project, which includes the types and colors of the flowers was designed by Mrs. Zane.

The Ninth Ward Relief Society Presidency, made up of Karen Wright, Norma Hansen, Shirley Zane and Carol Bonner, were the driving force behind the project, but they received the support, both financial and physical, of many other members of their ward.

This fall, the plan includes a followup project to replace the flowers that have been planted with bulbs that will provide continued beauty for years to come.



The LDS 9th Ward Relief Society helps landscape the Heber City Park to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the LDS Relief Society.

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the quaken aspen. And, high on a hill above the Lodge, the Aspen art brandishes its burnt red ves.

Even winter, with its cold nights and frost-bitten mornings, when the snow glistens like diamonds in the shadow and icicles hang from the main eaves, and the quakies stretch their black fingers to the grey sky — it's beautiful.

A lot of family traditions revolve around Fishlake and the family cabin. There was always Labor Day weekend when the entire family would go up to the cabin and work on fix-it projects: painting the cabin, building a deck, adding an extra new room. The deer hunt when we'd hike the hills and ride the roads and not really worry about whether or not we saw any deer.

Easter weekend and coloring Easter eggs, the egg hunt and the turkey, but marvelous, egg toss. Thanksgiving weekend, which ended off the Christmas season — hanging Christmas trees and making homemade ornaments, trimming the tree, and singing carols, and the annual Christmas play, written and acted by all the kids and using things from the cabin as

his head. The Lake still shimmers whatever shade of blue the sky is wearing and it still reflects the mountain like a mirror. But things have changed.

As I round the next bend, no longer do I find myself traveling down a tree-lined corridor with quakies meeting the road. One entire side has been ravaged — the trees cut and left to rot, without even a hint of a curtain of trees left standing to preserve the once-beautiful byway.

The Forest Service, in its infinite wisdom, cut the trees, without warning, without notification, without making anyone aware, and left stumps where majestic quakies once danced with the wind.

I realize that some of the quakies were diseased and perhaps the grove needed to be thinned so it could rejuvenate itself, but I am appalled by the way in which the Forest Service proceeded. By law, public input should have been obtained and a more amicable solution reached.

As it is, they have made an eyesore out of what once was a thing of beauty.

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